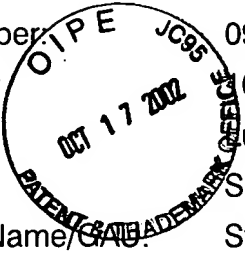


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Pursuant to 37 CDR 1.132, this Affidavit is submitted to traverse rejections citing envelopes as prior art of this invention.

During a meeting on September 19/02 with Bernard Mathew and Michael Raitcim at National Envelope, in Union, NJ, related to the possibilities of licensing products disclosed in U.S. Patent 6,406,586, Mr. Mathew declined to consider any "Self Sealing Forms" any further because "The company's focus was on envelopes"

Given the prosecution history of this case, this prompted applicant's interest and asked Mr. Mathews:

3/4 And... Isn't this an envelope?

To which Mr. Mathew replied:

3/4 No. It is not.

For obvious strategical reasons, related to any possible licensing conversations, applicant would not ask Mr. Mathew to produce an affidavit to that effect. In lieu of that, applicant submits the statements in this affidavit under penalty of perjury.

National Envelope is a privately owned company, and it is among the Fortune 500 privately held companies. Mr. Mathew has been in the Envelope industry for several decades. He is the V.P. of Marketing of National Envelope.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of any application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

Signed under the penalty of perjury on October 17, 2002.


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